

***Please note changes in the federal election qualifying deadline due to redistricting**

TO: House Republicans

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RE: Post-session Newsletter Deadlines

In election years, members that are seeking election, either as an incumbent officeholder or to another elected office, are held to very specific deadlines for their post-session newsletters and mass mailings if such items are being paid for out of one of their three state accounts.

House Policy 4.6 states:

Beginning with the last day of qualifying and continuing through the general election, Members seeking re-election or other elected office may not use the Member Expense Allowance Account, the Intradistrict Expense Allowance Account, or the Office Account to print or distribute mass communications. Also, during this time period, new information placed on the Member's home page will be limited to information that is contained in the Member Information System and office and personnel directories. This prohibition does not apply to Members running for re-election who are unopposed after qualifying; it will cease to apply to Members who are elected at the Primary Election.

This year for U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, state legislative, county and special district offices, the qualifying period is 12 PM, June 4, 2012 through 12 PM, June 8, 2012. For this qualifying, the "last full day" deadline for post-session newsletters or other mass communications is **Thursday, June 7, 2012**. However, please be aware that the qualifying deadline may change, pending legal decisions regarding apportionment.

The qualifying deadline is tighter for judicial offices, State Attorney and Public Defender. **The qualifying period for anyone seeking election to judicial office, State Attorney or Public Defender is from 12 PM, April 16, 2012 through 12 PM, April 20, 2012.** Anyone seeking election these offices has only until **Thursday, April 19, 2012** to finish their newsletters and mass communications.

To meet the requirements of House Policy 4.6, members must have their post-session newsletters or mass communications submitted and approved by the Majority Office, printed, mailed and relevant invoices submitted by the applicable deadline.

The House Majority Office will do our best to have pre-approved newsletter pieces to you as timely as the end of Session allows. In order to help you meet your deadlines, please anticipate a cut-off date for submissions for review about two weeks prior to the final date to ensure that we will have your approval completed in time for the printing and mailing of the pieces.

As always, if you have any questions regarding newsletters or any other topic, please contact the Majority Office at (850) 488-1993.